

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY,
INDIANA, HELD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY
ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, May 17, 2007.**

Mr. Kochert called the public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. and asked if anyone there to speak on

A-07-12 An Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation
From the Economic Development Income Tax
(EDIT) Fund

A-07-13 An Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation
From the Economic Development Income Tax
(EDIT) Fund

Mr. Fifer addressed the council and stated that he helped Mrs. Garry to prepare these ordinances. He explained that this is in regards to Option B of the rate increase that was approved by the council last year. He explained that this ordinance is to fulfill the last two outstanding items of the Option B.

Mrs. Garry explained that the \$725,000 from EDIT will be deposited in the sewer utility but the \$1.54M that is being voted on tonight will stay in the EDIT Fund and the sewer utility will have to write claims for the projects out of that appropriated money.

Mr. Mark McCormick presented the council with projected budgets for the next 4 years for the sewer utility and explained them in detail.

Mr. Coffey asked if these deficits are accumulated or are they for each year.

Mr. McCormick stated that it was for each year.

Mr. Fifer explained that the sewer board never intends to go into the red this is just to show the money they will need over and above to make the necessary repairs.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the projected budget and why it was being proposed before the council.

Mr. McCormick stated that a lot of time and energy was put into this budget with the help from the board, Mr. Dixon and various other consultants and he thinks that everyone can agree that this is where they should be on these projects.

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From the Economic Development Income Tax

(EDIT) Fund

Mrs. Garry explained that this is the appropriation for the resolution for \$800,000 for the Street Department that was passed by the council. She stated that this money will stay in the EDIT fund and any claims for the street department will be paid out of this money.

Mr. Blevins asked if this will be used to hire 5 new people in response to the arbitration.

Mrs. Garry said that Mr. Blevins would need to address that to someone else because she wasn't there for the arbitration.

Mayor Garner said that he didn't have an answer to that question yet.

Mr. Blevins asked if anyone was going to be hired out of the \$800,000.

Mrs. Garry explained that this is to get the LRS fund out of deficit and if they wanted to hire anyone they would have to give up the truck.

A-07-15 An Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation
From Fire Runs Non-Reverting Fund

Mrs. Garry stated that the fire department is in the process preparing the bid for this truck.

Mr. Messer asked if they could be notified of what it will be and asked about the specifics of what kind of truck they were looking for.

Mrs. Garry said that they would be kept informed.

A-07-16 An Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation
From the Drainage Non-Reverting Fund

Mrs. Garry explained that it stays in the non-reverting fund and it is there for the drainage board to use.

A-07-17 An Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation
From the Riverboat Fund

Mrs. Garry reviewed her memo explaining the necessity for this appropriation. Said review is on file with City Clerk's office.

A-07-18 An Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation
From the Local Roads and Streets Fund

Mrs. Garry explained that this is the money that is being reimbursed from the TIF fund for the easements purchased on Daisy Lane.

There being no further business to be heard, the public hearing adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Larry Kochert, President
Common Council, City of New Albany

ATTEST: _____
Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk